

c.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A paint brush cover for protecting the bristles of a paint brush which includes a bristle portion and a handle portion, said cover being formed of a generally form-retaining material and adapted to substantially encompass the bristle portion of a paint brush, said cover having a front wall, a rear wall, a bottom, opposed edges, and a top, said top having an opening therein generally medially of said opposed edges through which a handle of a paint brush may extend, said front wall including a distal end portion adapted to extend through said opening and including an aperture adjacent its distal end whereby said cover may be suspended upright on a peg rack, said cover being made of a generally liquid-resistant material, and means for releasably securing said walls, bottom, opposed edges, and top in a closed relationship so as to substantially encompass the bristles.

2. (original) A cover as set forth in Claim 1 in which said liquid-resistant material in polyvinyl chloride.

3. (original) A cover as set forth in Claim 1 in which said material is approximately 20 mils in thickness.

4. (currently amended) A cover as set forth in Claim 1 in which said cover is formed of an integral piece of substantially flat material, and in which said piece

of material is provided with fold lines which delineate the respective walls, bottom, opposed edges, an and top of the cover.

5. (currently amended) A cover as set forth in Claim 1 in which at least one of said front ~~or~~ and rear walls is provided with air breathing apertures.

6. (canceled)

7. (original) A cover as set forth in Claim 1 in which said top is provided with an integral extension having an opening therein, a distal portion of said front wall having a tab portion, and said tab portion engaging said extension opening when said cover is folded around the paint brush so as to form said releasable securing means.

8. (original) A cover as set forth in Claim 1 in which the spacing between said front wall and said rear wall is greater adjacent said top than adjacent said bottom.

9. (currently amended) A paint brush cover formed from a sheet of generally form-retaining and liquid-resistant material, said sheet having a length greater than its width, a first pair of generally parallel fold lines extending across said sheet whereby said sheet may be folded upon itself with ~~the~~ one sheet portion

between the fold lines defining a bottom for the cover and ~~the other~~ a second sheet portion being in spaced relationship to define front and rear walls for the cover, a distal end portion of said rear wall portion having a second pair of generally parallel fold lines spaced inwardly of the end of the sheet whereby said sheet may be folded upon itself with the sheet portion between the second fold lines defining a top for the cover and the portion of the sheet outwardly of said second fold lines defining an extension overlying a distal portion of said front wall, said extension including an aperture, said front wall including a distal end portion adapted to extend through said aperture, said front wall distal end portion including a hole for suspending said cover upright on a peg rack, wing portions extending laterally outwardly from opposed edges of said rear wall and secured to each such wall with a sheet portion defined by a third pair of spaced fold lines whereby said wing portions may be folded inwardly and assume positions in spaced relation to said bottom wall with the sheet portions between said third fold lines defining side edges of the cover.

10. (currently amended) A cover as set forth in claim 9 in which said ~~top~~ has an aperture receives therethrough which the handle of a paint brush ~~may protrude~~ when said cover is folded about the bristles of a paint brush.

11. (original) A cover as set forth in claim 9 in which said third fold lines taper whereby said side edges are wider adjacent the top of the cover than at the bottom.

12. (currently amended) A cover as defined in claim 9 in which a said distal portion of said front wall is provided with a tab, said ~~extensions~~ extension being provided with an opening for engaging said tab when said sheet portions are folded into an operative bristle-encompassing condition.